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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

CASE NO.: BB1036-B

JOHN BROWSE ET AL.

SERIAL NO.: 09/219,935

GROUP ART UNIT: 1649

FILED: DECEMBER 23, 1998

EXAMINER: E. MCELWAIN

FOR: FATTY ACID DESATURASE GENES
FROM PLANTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.129(a)
TO WITHDRAW FROM FINAL

Applicants respectfully petition to withdraw this application from final pursuant to the transitional provision 37 CFR 1.129(a). The application has been pending at least two years prior to June 8, 1995 because of the reliance pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120, on the application 07/804,259 which was filed on December 4, 1991. This petition is being submitted before submission of an Appeal Brief and before abandonment of the application.

Applicants are submitting herewith a Petition for Extension of Time and an additional response which addresses the basis for rejection.

Applicants hereby authorize payment of the \$710.00 fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(r) to be charged to Deposit Account 04-1928.

Respectfully submitted,

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